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THE Y.M.C.A.

It needs but a casual visit to the rooms of the Camp Y.M.C.A. to see what a large share of the everyday life of the men this institution accounts for. Small groups at every one of the numerous tables during the recreation hours is sufficient proof that with the exceedingly limited means at their disposal the Y.M.C.A. is doing a good work and one that should appeal to all who have the welfare of the men at heart. The local reading rooms of the Association, it is understood, are maintained by voluntary contributions, and as the monthly expenses of light, heat, attendance, etc., are quite an item, it should be the endeavor of all ranks to lend a helping hand to so worthy an institution.

THE BATTLE OF "TUESDAY NIGHT"

In its first engagement, sham though it was, the Western Scots gave an inkling of what may be expected from the many British fronts. The way in which the men entered into the spirit of the mimic battle was certainly extremely creditable. Of course, there were the usual mistakes associated with such scraps. One of the most important of these was that when the flares were sent up it was the signal for an immediate burst of rapid fire while, as a matter of fact, on no one occasion did the flares reveal the presence of any target save the man who had lit them. This, of course, was to be expected. On several other occasions the men did not fire when exceptional targets offered. For instance, a man tried three times to light a flare in the open with a match on one occasion, and not a single shot was fired at him. However, there is little doubt that the next time the Scots will have taken their lesson to heart.

In coming into the trenches both sides showed splendid discipline, neither side hearing the other until they were well relieved the former in the trenches) was in the main very quietly and expeditiously carried out, but there were occasional sounds that to a trained ear would give away the fact that something out of the ordinary was in the air. The returned from France, rendered services of great value to each side. Sergt. Murphy stated that he felt quite happy again when crawling with a lot of bombs toward the "enemy" wire, but bemoaned the absence of "whizz bangs," "coal boxes" and other Hunnish life destroyers.

S.B. SECTION

We were much relieved to get our own stretchers at last. The 50th had very kindly permitted us to use theirs up till the present, but it was often an inconvenient arrangement, especially when there was an emergency call. If our sheets and kneepads had arrived with them, we could, literally, get down much easier, to hard practice.

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With the help of the S.B. Section, the staff banquet was the "best yet." Even the grouchers admitted that Corporal Morrison and "Mr." Dooley excelled themselves—but, Mr. Chairman, why "Mr." Dooley? Fortunately, as all our Section are on the water-wagon, or nearly so, no one could blame John Barleycorn for the joyful noise after the banquet, on the way home. We had some time all right. "Professor" Ronald made an efficient conductor of our band.

The fact that the surplus from the banquet went to the 67th Hospital, suggests that we believe in supporting home "industries," and also suggests that similar contributions are always gladly received. Many little extras for patients can only be secured in this way.

Inoculation for the entire Battalion proceeds apace. There is some speed to our M.O.'s handling of this operation. The remarks overheard in the Hospital Tent while this work is proceeding are unusually jocular. But afterwards—! Very little sickness has resulted, however, up to date.

Yes! the Staff did get defeated in the Soccer game last Tuesday. We expect the Machine Gun Section will, as usual, do lots of crowing. But then, Johnnie (not "Jock"), got laid "low" before half time, and we missed his dashing style for the remainder of the game. "Teddy" played good football on the left wing, while Ede played a good defence. When the Staff team gets a little more practice, there will be something doing in that League.

A reliable informant states that Mrs. R—'s "tabbie scones" are "unco guid." Another says that we need some more pomade, and a few more looking-glasses in the cubicle. It was too bad about that photograph. We were commanded to quit the football field last Tuesday, rush back to Barracks, then to dress up for our photograph. We did so, marched out, then, without being "took," they marched us back again. Someone had blundered! Yes, it was too bad, for, in the rush, Settle used up all the pomade for his moustache.

Query: How is it that the "Baund" has among its members a Duncan, Wallace and Low, and the S.B. Section members of the same names. We eat at the same table, and drink the same drink—sometimes. Can it be that we have affinities in the "Baund." Heaven forbid!